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PRODUCTION OF T-72 TANKS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the production and overhaul of T-72 Main Battle Tank (MBT);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the low rate of production of T-72 tanks and delay in their overhauling has seriously affected the operational preparedness of the Indian Army; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to boost the production and overhauling of T-72 tanks?

Answer

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(a) No, Sir. Production and overhauling of T-72 tank is being done at Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi, Chennai, according to the targets fixed in consultation with army.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However, Ministry of Defence has sanctioned creation of facilities to increase the capacity of overhauling of T-72 tanks from 70 to 120 tanks per annum at Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi, and for establishing facilities for overhauling 50 tanks per annum at 505 Army Base Workshop.